

# A DICTIONARY OF MUSLIM NAMES

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As in alphabetical order of the transliteration of the names, the name (Abd) is listed under the entry of "A", and the name (Ahmad) is also listed under "A" without accounting for the glottal stop (hamza). And also names having long vowel /ā/ after the first consonant like (Salim) is listed under "A".

In the first chapter "The Attributes of Allah", names are listed according to the known order of Allah's attributes in the Glorious Qur'an. Not all 99 names of Allah are used here. e.g. (Al-Mumit) is one of the names of Allah. This one is not used in here since the name (عبد الميّت) is not common.

For the suggested spelling of the girls' names, a good number of them end with "ah", as in (Samirah, Wahidah, Jamilah, etc.). These could be spelled in English without the final /h/, i.e. (Samira, Wajida, Jamila).

Generally, names are indicative of the gender of the person carrying them. However, there are some names that are used by both boys and girls. The majority of those became common during the Ottoman empire rule. These are gathered in a special chapter.

### Transliteration

### Spelling

### Meaning

### بالعربية

The word (Abd) here refers to the "follower" of [ALLAH, or His Great Names]

'Abdur-Rahmān	Abdul Rahman	The Gracious,	عبد الرحمن
'Abdur Rahīm	" Rahim	The Merciful	عبد الرحيم
'Abdul Malik	" Malek	The King, Sovereign	عبد الملك
'Abdul Quddūs	" Quddus	The Holy	عبد القدوس
'Abd us Salām	" Salam	The Peace	عبد السلام
		The Bestower of Security	
'Abdul Mu'min	" Mumen	The Faithful	عبد المؤمن
'Abdul Muhaymin	" Muhaymen	The Protector, Guardian	عبد المهيمن
'Abdul 'Azīz	" Aziz	The Mighty	عبد العزيز
'Abdul Jabbār	" Jabbar	The Compeller	عبد الجبار
'Abdul Mutakabber	" Mutakabber	The Majestic, Superb	عبد المتكبر
'Abdul Khāliq	" Khaleq	The Creator	عبد الخالق
'Abdul Bārī	" Bari	The Maker	عبد الباري
'Abdul Muṣawwir	" Musawer	The Fashioner	عبد المصور

'Abduṅ Nūr	" Nur	The Light	عبد النور
'Abdul Hādī	" Hadi	The Guide	عبد الهادي
'Abdul Bādī	" Badee	The Originator	عبد البادئ
'Abdul Bāqī	" Baqi	The Everlasting	عبد الباقي
'Abdul Wāreth	" Wareth	The Inheritor	عبد الوارث
'Abdur Rashīd	" Rashid	The Righteous Guide	عبد الرشيد
'Abduṣ Ṣabūr	" Sabur	The Most Patient	عبد الصبور

## More Compound Names With "ALLAH"

### أَسْمَاءُ مُرَكَّبَةٌ مَعَ كَلِمَةِ "اللّٰه"

<u>Transliteration</u>	<u>Spelling</u>	<u>Meaning</u>	بالعربية
'Amrullāh	Amrullah	The order of Allah	أمر الله
'Asadullāh	Asadullah	The lion of Allah	أسد الله
'Aṭallāh	Atallah	The gift of Allah	عطا الله
Ḥamadullāh	Hamadullah	The Thanks of Allah	حمد الله

Ḥamidullāh	Hamidullah	The appreciation of Allah	حَمِيدُ اللَّهِ
Hibatullāh	Hebatullah	The gift of Allah	هِبَةُ اللَّهِ
Jādallāh	Jadallah	The Generosity of Allah	جَادُ اللَّهِ
Khalīlullāh	Khalilullah	The friend of Allah	خَلِيلُ اللَّهِ
Khayrullāh	Khayrullah	The Prosperity of Allah	خَيْرُ اللَّهِ
Nasrallāh	Nasrallah	The Victory of Allah	نَصْرُ اللَّهِ
Rizqallāh	Rezqallah	The Sustenance of Allah	رِزْقُ اللَّهِ
Ṣafīyyullāh	Safeyullah	The Choice of Allah	صَفِيِّ اللَّهِ
Sayfullāh	Sayfullah	The sword of Allah	سَيْفُ اللَّهِ
Shukrallāh	Shukrallah	The Thanks of Allah	شُكْرُ اللَّهِ

## FAMOUS NAMES OF THE PROPHET MOHAMMAD

### أَسْمَاءُ اشْتَهَرَ بِهَا سَيِّدُنَا مُحَمَّدٌ (ص.)

بالعربية	Meaning	Spelling	Transliteration
عادل	Just	Adel	'Ādil
أبو القاسم	Father of Qasem (His son)	Abul Qasem	'Abul Qāsim
أحمد	Praiseworthy	Ahmad	'Ahmad
علم الهدى	The peak of guidance	Alam Alhuda	'Alamulhudā
الأمين	The Faithful	Alamin	'Al'amīn
أكرم	More Generous	Akram	'Akram
بشير	Forerunner	Bashir	Bashīr
داع	Caller	Dae	Dā'(en)

شاه	Shah	Chief / Master	شاه
فتح	Faḥḥ	Opener, conqueror	فتح
هادي	Hādī	Guide	هادي
هادي	Hādī	Martyr, witness	هادي
حامد	Hāmid	Grateful	حامد
حامد	Hāmid	Good lamp	حامد
حبيب الله	Ḥabīb Allāh	Allāh's beloved	حبيب الله
حبيب الله	Ḥabīb Allāh	(opening of a Quranic chapter)	حبيب الله
جواد	Jawād	Generous	جواد
خاتم	Khatām	The Seal	خاتم
مهدي	Mahdī	Leader, guided	مهدي
منصور	Manṣūr	Triumphant	منصور
مبين	Matīn	Solid, strong	مبين
مبشور	Mubāshshir	Preacher	مبشور
مبين	Mubīn	Evident	مبين
محمد	Muḥammad	Worthy of Praise	محمد
نبي	Nabīy	Prophet (verb used as a noun in Arabic)	نبي
نذير	Nadhīr	Fore-runner	نذير
قريب	Qarīb	Close	قريب
رسول	Rasūl	Messenger	رسول
صادق	Sādiq	Truthful	صادق

## OTHER PROPHETS IN THE QUR'AN

### أَسْمَاءُ لِبَعْضِ الْأَنْبِيَاءِ فِي الْقُرْآنِ

'Adam	Adam	Adam (from earth)	آدم
Dānyāl	Danyāl	Daniel	دانيال
Dāwūd	Daud	David (Beloved)	داود / داود
'Ebrāhīm	Ibrahim	Abraham (Father of many nations)	ابراهيم
'Edrīs	Idris	Idris (Enopch)	ادريس
'Eshāq	Ishaq	Isaac (tall) (son of Ibrahim & Sara)	إسحق
'Esmā'īl	Ismail	(Allah heard) ( " " " & Hajar)	اسماعيل
Hārūn	Harun	Arun (Enlightened / Bro. of Moses)	هارون
Hūd	Hud	Hud (Repenting)	هود
'īsā	Isa	Jesus	عيسى
Luqmān	Luqman	Wise	لقمان
Mūsā	Musa	Moses (Saved from the water)	موسى



Zahr Eddin Zahr Eddin The flowers of زهر الدين

Za'im Eddin Zaim Eddin The leader of زعيم الدين

## NAMES OF MALES

عبدنا لهما



<u>Transliteration</u>	<u>(Spelling)</u>	<u>Meaning</u>	بالعربية
'Abid	Aabed	Worshipper	عابد
'Ādil	Aadel	Just, fair	عادل
'Ā'ed	Aaed	Returning, visiting the patient	عائد
'Ākif	Aakef	Pursuant, worshipper	عاكف
'Āmir	Aamer	One who builds, inhabits	عامر
'Āmir	Amer	Commander	أمير
'Āqil	Aqel	Wise, intelligent, sane	عاقل
'Ārif	Aref	Knowledgeable	عارف
'Āsim	Asem	Chaste, protector	عاصم
'Āshūr	Ashur	A man of many companions	عاشور
'Ātif	Atef	Having sympathy	عاطف

Zaghīl	Zaghīl	Quick	زغلول
Zahir	Zahir	Assistant, support	ظاهر
Zakī	Zakī	Pure	زكي
Zamil	Zamil	Colleague	زميل
Zayn	Zayn	Ornament	زین
Zayd	Zayd	Excess	زيد
Zaydān	Zaydān	Surplus (Dual)	زيدان
Zaydān	Zaydān	Surplus (Dual)	زيدون
Zimām	Zemām	Head, crown	زمام
Ziryāb	Zeryāb	(A famous old Arab musician)	زریاب
Ziyād	Zoyad	Super abundance	زیاد
Zuhayr	Zuhair	Bright, shining	زهير
Zuhdī	Zuhdi	Ascetic	زهدي



**Transliteration (Spelling) Meaning بالعربية**

P.S. Girls' names ending with (-ah) which represents the fem. ending could be also spelled without the final (-h) for simplicity.

'Ābidah	Abedah	Worshiper,	عابدة
'Ādilah	Adelah	Equal	عادلة
'Ā'idah	Aedah	Returning	عائدة
'Ālā'	Alaa	Graces, gifts of Allah	آلاء
'Āqilah	Aqelah	Mature	عاقلة
'Ārifah	Arefah	Knowing	عارفة
'Ā'ishah	Aeshah	Living / Prosperous	عائشة
'Āmāl	Amal	Hopes	آمال
'Āminah	Amenah	A lady of peace, security	آمنة